

citizen

member of a country who has a right to live there

contagious

an illness that can be passed from one person to another

discrimination

treating someone differently because he is part of a certain group (example: religion, country, male/female)

drought

lack of rain for a long time

Ellis Island

an island near New York City where immigrants first came from 1892-1954 before being allowed into the U.S.

famine

starvation; being hungry because there is no food

government

people who make laws and  
decisions for the country

immigrant

someone who moves to  
another country to live  
permanently

immigrate

to move to a new country

inspector

someone who checks things or  
asks questions

interpreters

a person who explains in one  
language what a person says in  
another language

steerage

section of a ship for  
passengers paying the lowest  
fare